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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee,

Interpleader Plaintiff,

against -

MBIA Insurance Corporation, Wellington Management Company, LLP, VantisLife Insurance Company, CEDE & CO., as Holder of certain Secured Notes and nominee name of The Depository Trust Company, DOES 1: through 5, holders of certain Class A-1 and Class B Notes : and DOES 6 through 100, owners of beneficial interests in the Secured Notes,

Interpleader Defendants.

Case No. 08 CV 4791 (BSJ)

ANSWER OF CEDE & CO. AS NOMINEE FOR THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY

Defendant Cede & Co., sued as Holder of certain Secured Notes and nominee name of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), by and through its attorneys, Eiseman Levine Lehrhaupt & Kakoyiannis, P.C., for its answer to the interpleader complaint ("Complaint") alleges as follows upon information and belief, except as to its own actions which are alleged upon knowledge:

1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-2, 4-8 and 10-30 of the Complaint, and as for those allegations concerning the terms or contents of certain named documents, including the Indenture, respectfully refers the Court to true and correct copies of those documents for the contents thereof.

- 2. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the Complaint, except admits that interpleader defendant Cede & Co. resides within this judicial district.
- 3. With respect to paragraph 9 of the Complaint, admits that Cede & Co. is the nominee name of DTC, a limited purpose trust company organized under New York banking law with its principal place of business at 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041 and affirmatively states that DTC is a securities depository and clearing agency, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, for the settlement of trades in corporate and municipal securities on behalf of the financial institutions that constitute its "Participants," and that securities deposited with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's nominee, Cede & Co., and are held for the benefit of, and in accordance with the instructions of, the Participants to whose DTC accounts such securities are credited. As to the remaining allegations of paragraph 9 of the Complaint, denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of these allegations, except admits that Cede & Co. is the holder of record of Secured Notes.
- 4. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 31 of the Complaint, except admits that this action was not brought by plaintiff in collusion with interpleader defendant Cede & Co.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

4. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted as against Cede & Co.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. Cede & Co. has no beneficial ownership interest in the Secured Notes. Any Secured Notes on deposit with DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co. are held for the benefit of those DTC Participants to whose DTC accounts such securities are credited.

6. DTC and Cede & Co. have notified those participants who hold Secured Notes of this litigation.

7. Cede & Co. is only a nominal party to this litigation and defers to the DTC Participants with an interest in the Secured Notes with respect to the legal and factual positions to be taken in response to plaintiff's claims, as such claims may affect the Secured Notes registered in the name of Cede & Co. and credited to such Participants' respective DTC accounts.

8. As it is not the beneficial party in interest as described above, Cede & CO. does not intend to take an active role in the litigation of this case.

WHEREFORE, defendant Cede & Co. respectfully request that the Court enter judgment dismissing the Complaint as against it, together with its costs and expenses to the extent allowed by law, and for such other and further relief that the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: June 17, 2008

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